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## Honoring Powell's kids

Times Photos by Vickie Miller  
and James Cook  
The PCMS 8th Grade  
Night honored the boy's  
basketball players and  
cheerleaders last Tuesday  
night. While the Stanton  
Elementary "Buzz Crew"  
took to the center court  
at halftime of the Powell  
County-Leslie County  
girls basketball game on  
Friday. There's no ques-  
tion about it, Powell's kids  
know how to do it right.

## Epperson murder trial begins

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The trial for Brian P. Epperson will go on as scheduled. At least that was what both sides indicated in their last pretrial conference last Wednesday. Epperson has been indicted on DUI, murder and assault charges following a head-on collision that killed one man and sent a woman to the hospital. Police say that Epperson was allegedly under the influence of various medications, including some narcotics, when his truck crossed the center line on Hardwick's Creek Road in November of 2011. Epperson's vehicle hit a truck driven by Donald Tharpe head-on, killing Tharpe instantly. A passenger in Tharpe's truck, Constance Puckett, was injured and had to be airlifted to the UK Medical Center. Police say that blood test results indicate that

Epperson had medications in his system that he did not have a prescription for. The defense has argued that this was just an unfortunate and tragic traffic accident. The attorneys in the case brought legal motions before Powell Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher last week. Defense attorney David Ward had made the motion to suppress some of the toxicology report. Ward said that no toxicologist could actually pinpoint at what time someone took a particular medication. Commonwealth Attorney Darrell Herald advised the court that the toxicologist would only be testifying as to what was in the report and the fact that three narcotics were found in Epperson's system. That blood test was apparently within an hour of the initial accident.

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## Stanton pulls officer out of KSP drug task force

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

They danced around the main event all night. The Stanton City Council talked about what to charge an adult day care service for their business license and even approved a zoning change from business back to residential. They even discussed their plan to possibly renovate Ertel Medicine's/Dr. Noss Building if they were able to get it for a police station and city hall. The council even discussed city park updates when the only problem seemed to be some damage to the ceiling fans in the pavilions. They did have a good discussion about the garbage collection contract. But that was just a warm up for

the main event. The council members have spent a good portion of the past three months discussing whether or not to allow Stanton Police Lt. Arthur Lacy remain as a member of the Kentucky State Police Drug Task Force. Last Thursday night they voted 4-1 to remove him from that team. The city has been concerned about how much money they have been losing as they pay Lacy while he is mostly working on drug cases in three counties. Meanwhile state budget cuts have influenced how much money the KSP has been able to pay the city in the form of a stipend for Lacy's work. At one point the city stated that they were in the hole over \$40,000 by keeping him in the

program. However, KSP Captain Eric Walker and Stanton Police Chief Kevin Neal have tried to explain just how important the work Lacy does is to the county. In the three years he has been working as a member of the task force Lacy has opened 130 cases in Powell, Wolfe and Menifee counties. Of those cases, 90 are in Powell County. His conviction rate, according to Walker, is 100 percent. But the forfeiture monies have been slow to come through. Because courts take so long to expedite the cases, it can take a year or more to get those monies. According to state police and Lacy, Stanton is in line to receive over \$45,000 in forfeiture money. Bigger cases that may be in the



works could mean more money, but not if Lacy is not working the cases. The city council asked the council to assist with the cost since Lacy's work also benefits the county. But the county has made no decision. That left it up to the city. "We need to make a decision tonight, for Arthur's sake and stop

tabling it," Councilman Tommy Mays said. His counterpart, Margarita Arnett agreed, "We need to make a decision one way or the other." Neal made a suggestion to the council. "At the end of the fiscal year we get CLEF money that comes from the state and right now, looking at our budget we are \$30,000

under budget half way through the fiscal year," he said. "At the rate we are going we could end up \$60,000 under budget, that's with everything paid. So couldn't we carry it through the fiscal year then look at it. Even if

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## Fiscal court handling new issues, stuck on old problems as well

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The Powell County Fiscal Court meeting last Tuesday evening had a lot of good information about the work that the extension office has provided this past year. But it also had a little bit of intrigue and drama. The magistrates got to hear from a state police captain about a drug task force officer from Stanton and what work he has accomplished. They also listened to a seemingly constant discussion of

apparent wrong doing by former director. In between they did manage to take care of other business. Kentucky State Police Captain Eric Walker made the trip to Powell County for a second time in a month to discuss Stanton Police Lt. Arthur Lacy. Lacy is part of the eastern part of the state's drug enforcement special investigations (DESI) team and has been for three years. Recently the City of Stanton asked Walker questions about the program. Their concerns were the cost it was gen-

erating to keep Lacy in the program as compared to the money from forfeitures and stipends being sent to the city to help them compensate for Lacy being used by the task force. The city has discussed possibly pulling Lacy out of the program to help save money as they say it has cost them almost \$40,000 to continue the status quo. Walker explained to the magistrates, who have been asked by the city to assist since Lacy develops cases in the county that the funding for the program is "good" at least until June. He also

explained, as he did with the Stanton City Council last month, that Lacy has opened 130 cases from the time he started in 2010 until Nov. 8, 2012. Of those cases 90 were in Powell County. Lacy has a 100 percent conviction rate. Magistrate Myers Arnett seemed concerned about the county assisting while receiving no monetary reimbursements. "The money (forfeitures), would they go to us if we pay into the program to keep him," Arnett asked. Walker explained that Stanton would be issued the money because the

agreement was with the city. "I think if he is working in other counties like Wolfe and Menifee they should ante up as well," Arnett responded. Powell Judge Executive James Anderson added, "It may take awhile to get the forfeitures due to courts and the time it takes to go through the case. But once it gets going, the money comes through." Walker advised that it could take a year, even longer if the case goes federal, to see the forfeiture monies. He also stated that he hoped that something could be worked

out to keep Lacy in the program as it appears to be helping keep "mid to higher level dealers" off the streets. Anderson added that after looking at the city's budget he did not see "what the urgency is." No action was taken by the magistrates on the issue. Walker added that Lacy is "an exemplary officer." Near the end of the meeting Anderson brought up the issue of a cruiser being driven out of the county by former

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# Stanton to rebid garbage contract, review business license fees

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The city tried to get in sync with Clay City and the county when it came to garbage collection. But Rumpke had a different idea. So now the garbage collection contract for Stanton will be reopened for bids.

Stanton Mayor Dale Allen advised the city council at last Thursday's meeting that the contract with Rumpke would run out at the end of February. Allen had suggested to Rumpke, the company that has been picking up the city's garbage since the 1990's, to give them a one year extension. But Rumpke representative Stacy Chambers told the council that the contract had a provision for a two year extension only.

"We'd like to get in sync with Clay City and the county since both of their contracts come up in 2014," Allen said. "That

would make it easier I believe."

But Chambers said that they would have to stick with the two year extension due to the contract and could not do a one year extension. "I'd love to, but I can't's," Chambers answered. "And I'm asking for an increase, just to be honest with you."

"What kind of an increase," Allen asked.

It would go from \$6.72 to \$7.92 for residential, commercial would go up from \$12.64 to \$14.92 and of course the dumpster accounts would also go up," Chambers said. "But we have been in Stanton since the 1990's when we bought out the lacy Brothers. Since 2004, over those nine years, the average you have paid has been \$7.35."

"But that increase is 20 percent," Allen stated. "It's 18 percent," Chambers answered, "but you would be back to the same price as 2009." Both were smiling as they discussed the

figures.

"And you know why it went down last time we bid it. Competition," Allen quickly added.

"I think we need to rebid it," Councilman Tommy Mays said. "Can we bid it for two or three years," Councilman Linville Bellamy asked. The council was advised they could write the bid for both to see the prices. A three year bid would once again put the city in sync with the other two entities, providing both stay with Rumpke.

"I'd like a one year, but I understand," Allen said. "I think if we went on year the prices would be higher," Mays stated..

Mays made the motion to rebid the garbage contract for two and three years. That was seconded by Charlotte Estes and it passed unanimously.

The garbage contract runs out on Feb. 28, but Chambers said she would not stop collections if the process was not quite

completed by that time.

The council also approved a zoning change to the Elkins property on Wells Street. It is the log cabin structure behind Elkins Insurance. The zoning board agreed to allow the Elkins family to rezone it from business to residential, as other residences surround the building. The city voted 5-0 to approve the rezoning.

The council also approved Allen's appointment of Ovie Hollon to the Powell County Tourism Commission. The council then approved charging an adult day care service the same business license fee as a children's day care. The new service will go to elderly people's home and will complete daily chores. There will be no medical or nursing procedures done by the group.

The council also decided they need to review the

business license fees.. "We have booth businesses here and we charge a \$5 fee for a year, but in other areas I have visited they charge anywhere from \$30, \$40, \$45 and even \$50," Allen told the council. "And we don't have video stores anymore, but we have two RedBox locations and there are lines there all the time. We need to review it and take a look at it."

"Maybe we should and look at it like a cost of living increase on the license fees if needed," city attorney Scott Graham added.

The council agreed it needed to be reviewed.

The council also looked at preliminary plans given to them by MSE of Kentucky, an engineers, architect and planning group out of Lexington, who was the sole respondent to the bid advertisement to look at assisting the city with a city hall/police station

structure. The city is interested in the offices where Dr. Charles Noss and Ertel Medicine are now housed. The medical business reportedly will be moving to the old Powell County Clinic as soon as final arrangements can be made with Clark regional medical Center. The Winchester based hospital has yet to confirm that, but city officials seem to believe it will be happening.

The plans would call for some restructuring of some of the offices and making sure there are handicap accessible restroom facilities. The mayor will be in a meeting this week with Bluegrass Area Development District about the project. Rural Development is also assisting in the plans.

The next regular city council meeting is set for Feb. 14.

# CITY: Budget worries lead to drop out of drug task force

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you decide tonight to pull out he will still be involved in cases by going to court on them for the next couple of years."

But that suggestion seemed to have no affect on the council members.

Questions about Lacy's overtime was asked and explained as he takes part in cleaning up meth labs as part of his task force duties. "Yeah, but we need more policemen here too," Councilman Linville Bellamy stated.

"If he needs to say no (overtime) I've reached my hours for this period, and then he can do that. We want to be able to help where we can." But Walker cautioned the council when he spoke to them in November, "I know you have to do what is best for you. But if I lose Arthur, there is no one in this area who can take his place. The money allocated for here will go somewhere else," Walker added when he spoke to the council late last year. "If I lose Stanton, we lose Stanton."

"It's been three years and I think we've done our share," Mays stated on Thursday.

Bellamy made a statement about other agencies assisting and making it more fair or the state fund it since it was a state program. But Councilwoman Pam Tipton made a good point, "It is more fair that way

but if we don't so something, we don't want to go back."

"What do you want to do," Mayor Dale Allen asked the council. "My opinion is to pull out," Mays said. "This can't come up every month," Bellamy added.

Mays made the motion to pull out of the program and it was seconded by Charlotte Estes. Bellamy and Arnett voted with them as Tipton opposed the motion. The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

The city council has struggled with the decision. Though some seemed to like the program, the cost was a concern. At a meeting in November Mays and Bellamy expressed their concern over the budget and how the dropping of the \$31,000 per year to fund the program for the city has dropped to \$20,000. They also expressed concern over how could they keep it going without either raising taxes or dropping a police officer from the city's already short-staffed department. They did not want to do that and it was decided to ask the county for some help.

Back in November the overtime issue was also a concern. "Even if you took away the overtime, we would still be \$30,000 in the hole," Mays said. But Mays and the council did agree that there is no question now that

the program is good, but the question is how the city can afford it. Allen advised back in that meeting that since the program began the city was out \$73,000.

Neal will now notify the state police that Lacy will be coming out of the program. There appears to be a 90 day period of notification to withdraw from the program, but it could happen sooner. Meanwhile, Lacy will be debriefed while his cases are transferred to someone else. He will also begin working in the city within the next few days.

"It's a shame and we can't just go back into it in six months if they change their mind. They will replace Arthur as soon as they can to keep their cases going," Neal said. "He'll start working here as soon as we get him some uniforms and a car. It looks like we could be missing out on some bigger forfeitures that was coming our way. But it's their decision and we'll work with it."

# TRIAL: DUI, murder case begins

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"There is more to our case than just that (when the medications were ingested)," Herald told the court. "Three of those specified controlled substances in his system are evidence of DUI. If there was one substance then the defense argument may be more persuasive. But the combination of the three is different."

Heralds did say that none of his witnesses would testify as to when the medications were ingested. "Narcotics have multiple affects and the toxicologist will only testify as to what is in the report," Herald assured the court.

Fletcher advised both sides that he would take the motion under consideration but that it was likely that the evidence would be allowed in. He also advised Ward that he had the right to object when it came up and could appeal.

Ward also filed a motion dealing with photographs of the deadly scene. Though the Times has a policy to take no photographs of the damage while the

coroner is on scene, police officers had to for the case. Ward did not want useless multiple photographs of the scene to be used.

Herald stated that he had one or two photographs he expected to use. Ward was concerned that if it was of the victim it could be prejudicial. Fletcher said he would have to see the photographs before making a ruling. That was expected to happen before the trial began on Tuesday.

There was also some discussion about previous accidents on Hardwick's Creek Road. Some sources have indicated that a website may have the road listed as one of the most dangerous ones in the state and that several accidents including fatal ones have happened there over the years. The defense would apparently like to be able to bring that up at the trial. Fletcher stated he would also consider it and make a ruling before the trial began.

The trial is scheduled to last through Friday. Most court watchers expect the case to take the full four days allotted.


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Rathi is board certified in internal medicine and is finishing training in kidney diseases from one of the best hospitals in New York. He will be treating all aspects of kidney problems, in addition to high blood pressure, diabetes and many other chronic and acute illnesses.

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# PCHS Student of the Week



Triston Curtis

Triston Curtis is this week's PTO Student of the Week at Powell County High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Sonya Curtis of Clay City.

Triston is a junior, and she has been a member of the Lady Pirates basketball team for four years and a member of the volleyball team for three years. She is well-known for her long hair that she used to braid when participating in sports. She has also been active in FBLA for three years.

Learning new things in Spanish class and talking to her AP U.S. History teacher, Ed Hughes, are among the things that Triston enjoys most about attending PCHS. She was nominated for PTO Student of the Week by Mr. Hughes.

Triston's future plans include attending the University of Kentucky and studying pharmacy.

Student of the Week is a program sponsored by the PTO and recognizes students who are role models in the areas of study, effort, cooperation, and attitude. Other students nominated this week include John Gray, Andrew Horton, Cheyenne Proffitt, and Brooklyn Tipton.

## Powell students make Campbellsville Dean's List

Campbellsville University Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Frank Cheatham has announced the academic honors' list for the fall 2012 semester.

The following students from Powell County have been named to Campbellsville University's fall 2012 Dean's List: Myles Christian Ashley, a junior, from of Stanton; and Matthew Holbrook Pelfrey, a freshman, also from Stanton.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours. The fall 2012 academic honors' list includes a total of 627 students, with 256 named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average, and 371 named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA.



Rebecca Wallingford and Olivia Powers

# Powell girls to perform in Atlanta

On Thursday, Jan. 17, two Powell County girls will be traveling with approximately 60 youth from Central Kentucky to Atlanta to perform in the Jr. Theater Festival hosted by Disney Musicals, I-Theatrics, and Musical Theater International out of New York. The group from the UK Opera Theater received Outstanding Performance last year out of over 100 groups and were invited to perform at this year's event as a special showcase group.

The group will be doing an exhibition of a new musical "Xanadu Jr." to a crowd of about 5,000 people, that has not been released for licensure to the public yet. This is a huge honor to be invited to be a showcase group. The two girls auditioned with 150 others for roles in the event. Rebecca landed a lead role as one of the Andrews Sisters doing three part harmony, and Olivia brought home the role as one of the 80's era singers. Both girls are extremely excited to have the honor of being chosen.

Rebecca Wallingford is 11 years old and the daughter of Tim and

Terena Wallingford and attends the Academy for Creative Excellence in Lexington, a division of the UK Opera Theater. Rebecca has been in love with musical theater since she was in Kindergarten where she sang her first song at the Stanton Elementary School Talent Show doing "Good Morning Baltimore." She sang with Morgan Hughes' Melody Makers for three years, until two years ago when she auditioned for the ACE Program.

Rebecca also has had a couple big accomplishments recently including: Singing with the UK Opera Theater on the Altech Celebration of Song that was aired on WKYT on Christmas Day after a live performance

in December at Victorian Square Atrium. She also auditioned against 1,000 other 5th & 6th grade students and was picked for the KMEA Kentucky Children's Honors Choir concert to be held in Louisville in February.

Olivia Powers is 12 years old and the daughter of Jana Powers. Olivia also attends the Academy for Creative Excellence in Lexington for the past year and recently landed a lead role in Seussical Jr. the musical this past May. Olivia has been singing in public and church since she was 9 years old and also was a part of Morgan's Melody Makers for two years. Olivia is a member of the McNabb Middle School Choir and a member of the Kentucky Youth

Association with the House of Representatives in Frankfort.

Both girls also performed this past summer in the Broadway Bound mini musical "Who's Bad" featuring hit songs from Michael Jackson.

According to Terena Wallingford, Rebecca's mother, "As parents, we are very blessed and thankful for the opportunities for our girls and the positive people that have been in their lives coaching them along the way. Special thanks to all of the wonderful people who have helped them through-out the years. The girls want to encourage anyone who has a love of the arts, music, or theater that "with hard work and determination, no dream is too big"

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I'm just saying . . .

## The amazing human race



**JAMES COOK**  
*Times Editor*

People never cease to amaze me. It seems like each of us in some way can really get under someone's skin, even if we did not intend to. It is because we are imperfect humans in an imperfect world.

But I am still bumfuzzled, if that is a real word, by the behavior of others whose desire to get attention is misguided or even those who place winning above all else.

Take the professor at a Florida university who not only believes in freedom of speech (I do too) and loves his tenured job, but decided to use his platform to bring even more grief to a hurting community.

James Tracy, a professor at Florida Atlantic University (he likes conspiracy theories and teaches about them, go figure), recently gave interviews and posted on his blog that the tragedy at Newtown, Connecticut didn't happen like we have been told. In fact he has stated that it may have been "constructed" to help further the gun control agenda. He even cites the lack of video surveillance and still photos as proof that one person could not have done this.

He has since backed up a little, but still doubts that one person could have done so much in so little time.

The university can only say that he does not speak for them.

Sure he has freedom of speech and colleges touch on various hot topics. He says his classes dig "deeper into controversial public events" and that he is doing "what we should be doing as academics."

Really? Telling a hurting community that it did not happen the way it did or that someone used their kids to reach a political means, does that sounds like academics to you? This is one teacher who if he is being paid by tax dollars needs to be looking for work elsewhere.

But he got noticed. He got some fame from it. It seems like that is all some want, to be noticed even if it is for the wrong things.

But let's not stop there. I believe in giving people a second chance and being innocent until proven guilty. But before that happens they have to understand that they did something to begin with.

When I was a kid if we did something we shouldn't do, we usually would get a spanking (I know that's a radical thought now days). We may even be grounded and that meant NO television, NO going outside, NO laying around either. It usually meant more chores and less of the things I wanted to do.

If it was bad enough then I had to give up something for a while. That hurt a little.

Last week a top athlete in the mountains was arrested for selling marijuana at school. The local press covered the story pretty well. There

appears to be a video of the transaction.

Seems like a no brainer right? I mean they get arrested, sure it may be a misdemeanor and a court date may be set. But surely they are suspended playing for the rest of the year, or at least until the case is settled, right?

No. They are placed on a curfew, but that can be a little later on game nights. Which means they still get to play ball. I mean the law may not be able to stop them from playing, but the school system and coach should.

But if they did that, they may not win games. They may sit a week or so. Winning is more important than making sure the kid got the message, that drugs is not the answer.

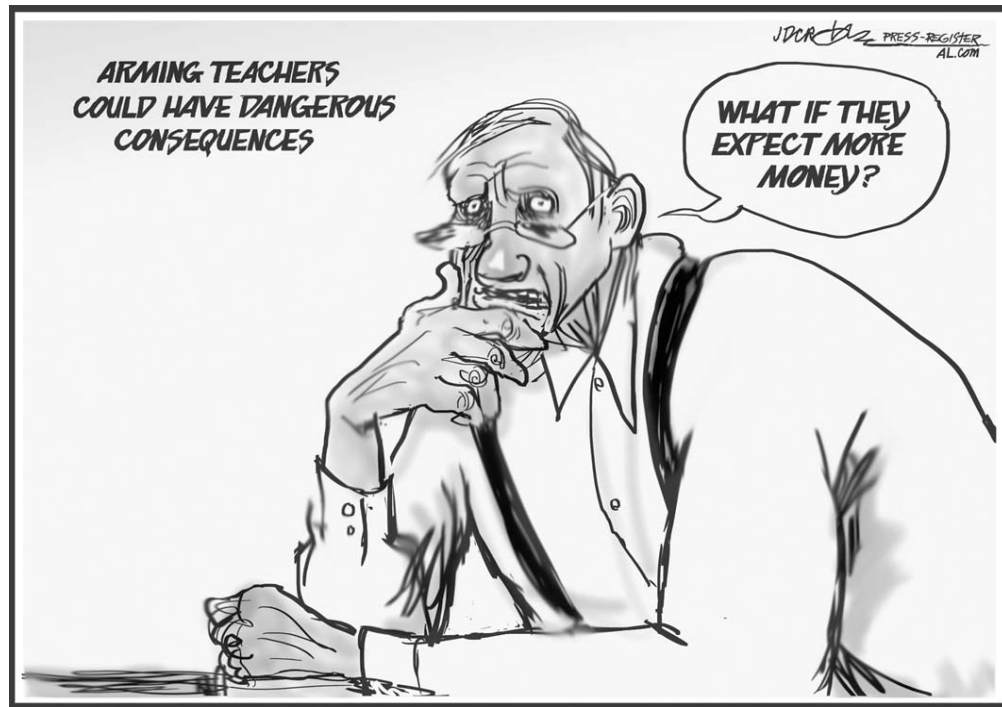
Should they cut them loose and have nothing to do with them. NO. Keep them on the team, but no more playing this year. Help them get help if they need it, make sure they understand life has other options.

Don't glorify their actions by wearing shirts in their honor, I mean what does that tell the rest of the student population? I guess its not too bad to do that if you can win games.

Like I said, I am truly amazed at people's actions. But I'm not surprised that some will find this column out of line and support people that make decisions like the ones I've discussed.

Priorities have to be set and values need to be followed. Otherwise where are we heading in life but in a downward spiral.

I'm just saying . . .



Estill County native J.D. Crowe is an editorial cartoonist with the Mobile, Alabama, Register.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Response to cemetery letter, solution possibly found

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

RE: FAMILY WONDERS ABOUT RULES FOR CEMETERY

I remember seeing a white poinsettia. I was walking through the cemetery after the burial of my friend William Russell. His burial was on Dec. 29 and all the flags and flowers were still there. I had stopped near the white poinsettia because it just struck me after the burial because it was so pretty, just a single small white flower. I didn't see a wreath. It could have been a different grave I don't know. I didn't look at the name on the bronze plate just the flower.

I know that every cemetery has rules. I have had many loved ones buried across this country mostly in Kentucky. I have brought flowers to go on graves and I have bought things that I want to look at in remembrance of them but that goes in my home because cemeteries can't keep them forever.

Am Vets Post 67 does a lot for this small community. I have seen them bring in hundreds of people from all over the United States for meetings giving this small town money that the hotels, restaurants, gas stations, fast food, and grocery stores wouldn't normally see ever! I have seen them give over \$10,000 in new toys to children, nursing home visits, and pillows, sheets, blankets, clothing, and food to the homeless Veterans home in Lexington.

I've been a lifetime Am Vet for a long time. Yes, I'm a veteran. It's good that we support the communities where we live!

I helped Ray Montgomery remove the flags and flowers and it was Jan. 3. I know that it wasn't Dec. 29 because that was the day that we buried our friend Bill.

Deanna Maynard  
Ashland

A member of AM Vets, VFW, and the American Legion

(Note: In reference to the letter last week, AmVets Post #67 Commander Ray Montgomery spoke with the Times on Monday and advised that he had spoken with Ms. Betty Faye Spencer on Sunday. Montgomery said that he was sorry if anything like that happened and that an agreement had been reached to help rectify the situation. Montgomery noted that the AmVets tried to allow the decorations to stay around longer this past holiday season and took them down later than usual this time. The situation seems to have been taken care of.)

## First week of the General Assembly is in the books



**By SEN ALBERT ROBINSON**

*Ky. State Senator*

As I write to you, I am wrapping up the first week of the 2013 General Assembly Session, 26 more days to go. Now, since this is a "short" session, when we adjourn Friday, we will not meet again until Feb. 5. The time is used to get new members, committee chairman, and newly-elected Leadership acclimated and everyone back up to speed.

The Senate President announced Senate Bill 1 which is aimed to making it easier for deployed military to vote. It has not been filed yet since staff is working to ensure that the process for this is as secure as possible. I want to do whatever I can to protect the right to vote of our troops abroad but I also want to ensure that the mechanism is as confidential as it should be.

As an experienced legislator, I have been able to hit the ground running. I have reacquainted myself with Frankfort officials and have already begun meeting with my staff and experts on the Legislative Research Committee.

I want to keep you as informed as possible. Your input is not only valued and appreciated, it's genuinely needed. I encourage you to follow the issues and always welcome your comments and questions. There are many ways you can stay in touch with the General Assembly.

The Kentucky Legislature Home Page, [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov), provides information on each of the Commonwealth's senators and representatives, including our phone numbers, addressees, and committee assignments. The site also provides a bill tracking service, and committee meeting schedules.

By going to our eNews page, [www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listserv.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listserv.htm), you can subscribe to frequent e-mail updates on what's happening at the Capitol. In addition, the General Assembly has its own blog, Capitol Notes, [www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol\\_notes.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol_notes.htm), that will allow you to receive legislative updates at your leisure.

You can also follow leg-

islative action in the following ways:

- A taped message containing information on legislative committee meetings is updated daily at 1-800-633-9650.
- To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835.
- To leave a message for any legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. People with hearing difficulties may leave messages for lawmakers by calling the TTY Message Line at 1-800-896-0305.
- You may write any legislator by sending a letter with the lawmaker's name to: Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

*Senator Albert Robinson (R-London) represents the 21st District including Estill, Jackson, Laurel, Menifee, and Powell counties. He serves on the Banking and Insurance Committee, the State and Local Government Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Veterans Committee. For a high-resolution .jpeg of Senator Robinson, please log onto [www.lrc.state.ky.us/pubinfo/ephoto.htm](http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/pubinfo/ephoto.htm).*

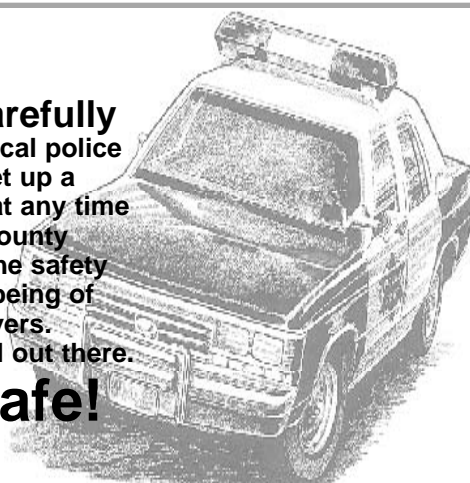
### Quote of the Week

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principle, stand like  
a rock.

-Thomas Jefferson

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# From the Pastor's Desk: Where to from here?

By DR. JIM COOK  
Guest Columnist

Where to from here? That is a question I ask of myself at the beginning of each New Year.

As I survey my past year and sort out the good and the bad. I can see that I could have done better in some things and yet feel proud in some things I was able to accomplish.

In Psalm 37:23 the Bible says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

So, to God I ask where to from here?

My life influences a lot of people and God knows I want to be a good influence.

To my family, my wife Bobbie and our children, they see me as I am. A man, less than perfect, yet a man who strives to be perfect and love them unconditionally.

To my grandchildren who sees Papaw in a whole different light. A gray haired man with a pudgy belly, who sometimes is funny, yet serious when it comes to their needs. Who loves to see them participate in

their activities and yes, occasionally makes a stop with them for a Happy Meal.

My influence goes beyond my family. To my many friends who respect my opinion and know I am there to help them in their time of need.

To my church family, who see my desire to serve God and make a difference in this world through our many ministries.

To the people who may not know me by name but, yet see me in the market place or on the street.

In Matthew: 5:16 it says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify, your father which is in heaven."

We all want to see our world be a better place. For that to happen it must begin with us. There are people waiting for the difference that only you can make in their life.

Happy New Year.  
In his service.

*Dr. Jim Cook is the pastor of the Day Spring Family Worship Center located in Corbin.*



## Guest Column: Fiscal court receives county extension report



By  
JAMES ANDERSON,  
Powell County  
Judge Executive

The Powell County Fiscal Courts regular meeting was held this past Tuesday, with all members of the court present. All in attendance were treated to country ham biscuits and Ale 8's provided by the Powell County Extension Service.

County extension agent Mike Reed started the meeting with a presentation of the services and activities sponsored by their office. We as Powell Countians are fortunate to have such an active extension service. They provide a vast number of programs that provide for virtually all age groups and numerous interest groups. Besides all of these functions I would like to personally thank Mr. Reed and his staff for all the times they have provided their meeting rooms and assistance as well as facilitating programs we have requested.

After this presentation we moved on to old business which consisted of two items. The first of which was the KSP/city police officer. Mr. Walker with the KSP came to provide the court with information on the program which Stanton is in with the KSP. Mr. Walker gave the court a briefing on the program and how it worked. He then answered any questions that still remained.

The second item under old business was the resolution on county roads

to be used for off road motorized vehicles. This came about as a result of attempts by the United States Forest Service trying to close down roads in the Sand Lick area.

The court, along with myself, view these roads as being vital to our economy as they hold the potential to bring in vast numbers of tourist. These roads allow access into areas that would be otherwise unseen by most. They also allow for the recreation by multiple interest groups. These roads can be used by hikers, horse riders, mountain bikes as well as people wanting to use motorized vehicles. A copy of this resolution will be available on the county's web site.

The next items addressed came under new business and the first one to come to the table was a resolution to enter into a lease agreement with Hinkle for a partial of land to house a new communications tower. This new site will allow us to make major improvements to our communications ability, especially in regards to hand held devices in the areas where coverage is lacking. This should allow our emergency responders to have a much more reliable tool in performing their duties.

There were several people vital in making this tower possible. We are very grateful to Danny McCormick (Powell County CSEPP), Donnie Spencer (Hinkle), and all the other folks at Hinkle that made this possible. The court voted to accept the resolution and move forward with the tower.

Powell County's Emergency Management Operating Procedures was the next article to come before the court. Mike Sparks has put a large amount of time

and effort to insure that this was completed by the deadline of January 2013 and was successful in doing so. We just needed to adopt it by resolution which was done. This procedure gives the county a guideline of how to operate in the unfortunate event of a major catastrophe.

Next on the agenda was Drug Free Workplace Certification. We have been working over the last several months to have our county government certified as a drug free work place. There are several things and steps that have to be in place to obtain this certification.

As a result of these efforts the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Workers Claims provided Powell County with this certification as of Dec. 12, 2012. Having achieved this certification insures several things: our employees are being tested, have ability to seek help if they have a problem, and we get a five percent discount on our workers claim premiums.

This discount in premiums should provide enough capital to cover the cost of our drug program. This is an example of how if we're willing to work to find new ways of doing things we

can provide a service at no additional cost to our tax payers. This is also a statement of how serious our office feels about this severe problem in our community.

The 2013 holiday schedule was presented to the court. This schedule was approved by the court and will be available on the county's web site as well.

The only other item on the agenda was to approve payment for bridge contractors. We had three bridge projects on going and are looking to hopefully have all three completed within the month, so in order to try and prevent having a special meeting we went ahead and tended to this matter.

To conclude the meeting there were several items that came up under other. One of these was that the Powell County Health Department and Kentucky River Foothills had both submitted their financials and audits and these were noted.

The court was also made aware of a generous donation from Rogers' Rescue of New Jersey to Friends of Powell County Pets for a \$1,000 to be used for supplies for the Powell County Pound. We would like to thank Rogers' Rescue for their

donation and Friends of Powell County Pets for their support and work at the pound and for all that they do to help the animals in need.

Mike Alexander was nice enough to donate his time and equipment to provide the office with a means of keeping up with the weather and current news. This was greatly needed and through his generosity, at no expense to the tax payers, is now available.

The last item that came up was Ambulance Director Brinton Epperson coming to the court and informing

them that he was looking into the possibility of providing his staff with a gym membership.

Mr. Epperson said that he just wanted to make the court aware that he was looking into it and not just spring it on them. Mr. Epperson and I are looking into what possible funding may be if he decides to move forward on this.

Mr. Epperson stated that he thought it could significantly reduce lost time work incidents as well as provide something nice for his employees.

**Powell County Native, Charlie Johnson**  
*General Manager of Toyota South*

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# OBITUARIES

## Teresa Morton, 43

Teresa Michelle Morton, 43, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 6, at her home. She was born Feb. 15, 1969 in Winchester to David Oscar and Barbara Sue Holliman Morton.

Survivors include her father, David Morton, Clay City; mother, Barbara Morton, Clay City; daughters, Brittany and husband, Charlie Tolson, Stanton and Jessica Carroll, Mt. Sterling; step-sons, James Ratliff, Booneville and Frankie Ratliff, Campton; sisters, Lynn Diamond, North Matewan, WV and Della Maloney, Stanton; special friend, Brenda Ratliff, Campton; grandchildren, Daylen Keith Lowry, Hayden Scott Moore, Brantley Owen Carroll, Lucas Ray Tolson, James Diezel Ratliff, Kirsten Ratliff, Kyra Jo Black; Nieces, Hannah Nicole Ashley, Haley Brooke Maloney, Delores Diamond, and Priscilla Diamond; and nephew, Keith Diamond.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Davis & Davis Funeral Home, Stanton. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery, Stanton with Charlie Tolson, Cecil Diamond, James Ratliff, Nathan Ginter, Kevin Carroll, and Kenneth Bud Lykins serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer serving was Kevin Maloney.

## A.T. Rogers, 74

A. T. (Andrew Tolson) Rogers, 74, of Winchester, passed away on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He was born on Nov. 19, 1938 in Stanton to the late Elmer G. Rogers and the late Lucy Smathers Thomas. He was a member of Grace Bible Church. He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired the commander of the identification bureau from Metro Police Department, Lexington after 28 years of service. He specialized in fingerprinting, crime scene photography and polygraph administration. He was a dedicated partner of 55 years to Edith M. Rogers, loving supportive father to Sonja Ferrell and Andrea Brandenburg, and gentle doting grandfather to Alyssa Jo and Sydney Ann Brandenburg and Gloriana “Glory” June Ferrell each of whom he adored. He was a primary caregiver to them from birth. He was the rock and strength for all of “his girls”.

He was survived by daughters, Sonja Ferrell and Andrea (Joe) Brandenburg, ex-wife and life-long partner, Edith June Rogers all of Winchester; one sister, Sue (Paul) Martin of Stanton; one brother, Alan (Doris) Rogers of Eaton, OH; his cousin, Anna (John) Powell; nephews, Dean and Kenny Rogers; his nieces, Tina King and Carolyn Baker and his “babies” - Alyssa (12 yrs), Glory (10 yrs) and Sydney (7 yrs). In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his nephew, Eddie Martin.

Funeral services officiated by Rev. Lee Cruse, Sr. and Rev. Tommy Howard were held on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at Hearne Funeral Home Inc., Stanton. Interment with military honors was in Resthaven Cemetery, Highway 213, Stanton, with Alan Rogers, Paul Martin, Kenny Rogers, Joe Brandenburg, Will Martin and Steve McIntosh serving as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Raymond Crank, Luther Cole, Cortez Day, Billy and Susan Fryar, Ed Haddix, Eddie and Carol Hayes, Fred Kelly, Larry Ousley, Faye Richardson, Farley and Mary Spencer, Jim and Darlene Sparks and John Whitaker. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. [www.hearnefuneralhome.com](http://www.hearnefuneralhome.com)



## CHURCH NEWS

### New Church opens their doors

Never Ending Grace Community Church, located at 29 Howell Lane in Clay City is now open and welcoming everyone. Stephen Donithan is the pastor. Sunday School is 10 a.m., Worship Service is at 11 a.m. and Wednesday Evening Bible Study is at 7 p.m.

### Epperson First Church of God

The group God Sent from Owingsville will be singing at the Epperson First Church of God on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on Route 89. Everyone is welcome.

### Emmanuel Baptist Church

Emmanuel Baptist will be conducting Sunday School classes that are a way of reaching out to the needs of the community. The 1-4-Now Class is a gathering point for adults who are single by choice or by change. As we gather, we will seek to embrace new friendships, encourage one another and strengthen our hearts to become like the greatest single adult ever . . . JESUS!

### Sunday Night Unplugged

Stanton Christian Church invites you to Sunday Night Unplugged. It is a come-as-you-are, contemporary music worship hour with some preaching. It begins at 6 p.m. Come be a part of it.

### Singspiration

Every fourth Sunday evening at 6 p.m. there will be a Singspiration at Spring Branch Baptist Church. This service is a special singing service where Spring Branch has some of their singers and singers from other churches share their God given talent for the Lord. Come and invite your friends to sing praises to the Lord at this friendly Bible Believing church. Spring Branch Baptist is located just off of Hwy 1261 at 100 Spring Branch Road in Campton. Pastor Robert Bailey and the congregation invite everyone to attend. If you are gospel singers and you would like to sing at this service let us know. For more information call: (606) 668-6694.

### Prayer Task Force Schedule

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs (PCCUAD) Prayer Task Force will meet at the Stanton Presbyterian Church located next door to the Powell County Health Department on Main Street. This meeting is for all Christians to come and pray together. We name our prayer concerns, pray and leave. Do you have one hour for God? You will be blessed, everyone welcome! The prayer service starts at 9 a.m.

If you have a Church or Community Announcement, let us share it with the community. Call 663-5540 today!

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# New Year New You!

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- Join the Reboot! - Members of the WSKV staff invite you to join them in a reboot for better health. Tune in for details during “Ethan in the Afternoon” on Mondays for more details!
- Monday January 21st at 6:30PM—There will be a public viewing of the documentary film “Fat, Sick, and Nearly Dead” at the Powell County Extension Office, brought to you by WSKV and Home for Health Lifestyle Center.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Football Booster Elections

The Powell County Football Boosters officer elections will be held on Jan. 31 at the PCHS Library at 6:30 p.m.

Rook Tournament

The Sons of AmVets Post #67 in Clay City will be holding a Rook Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 19. The start time is 7 p.m. Pre-entry, early preferred, draw for partners. 50/50 payout, entry fee is \$10. For more information call Greg Crabtree at 606-569-5030.

Free Weight Loss Program

The Powell County Extension Office and Foothills Health and Wellness Center will be offering a free weight loss program on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Classes will meet on for 10 weeks at the Powell County Extension Office. Participants will weigh in each week and be eligible for prizes at the end of the program. Recipes and food sampling will also be available each week. For more information, please contact Pam Dooley at 663-6405 or Stacy Crase at 663-9011.

Food Handler Class

Powell County Health Department is holding a food handlers class. The following is a list of upcoming food handler classes: Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, and May 14. All classes are on Tuesday, will begin at 1 p.m. and all classes will take place at the Powell County extension office at 169 Maple Street, Stanton.

Red River Bow Hunters

The Red River Bow Hunters will be shooting indoors on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. For more information call 606-481-0959.

Adult Education New Hours

MSU-Powell County Adult Education New Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday by appointment. Call 606-663-1948. The GED exam cost \$60.

Cruising Car Club Meeting

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will be holding their monthly meeting the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall. If the meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following Monday. All members and anyone wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Jack Chaney at 723-4045.

Free Open Computer Lab

The Montgomery County Public Library will have a free open computer lab for young people after school every other Thursday at the Mt. Sterling branch. The lab will give pre-teens and teens an opportunity to practice using a computer or to complete homework assignments that require access to the internet or Microsoft Office applications. Contact the library at 859-498-2404 for more information.

Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

Powell County Diabetes Support Group

Kentucky River Foothills Rural Health Network is sponsoring a Diabetes Support Class. Classes will meet every second Thursday of the month. Classes meet at the Powell Adult Day Care (behind Foothills Mobile Clinic) in Clay City from 4-5 p.m. For more info, please call Tena at 663-9011

KSP offers timely winter driving tips

With the onset of winter and the possibility that motorists may have to drive in inclement weather, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) are offering safe driving tips.

The weather in Kentucky is unpredictable and this time of year you never know when to expect black ice, snow, icy roads or a mixture of road conditions. KSP is asking motorists to prepare in advance for the winter driving months ahead. "Winter provides new challenges and responsibilities to the public and the Kentucky State Police," says KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer.

"We ask that drivers be prepared to meet the challenges of the upcoming winter season in Kentucky. Plan ahead, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained, drive defensively and be sure the vehicle is properly maintained to handle the effects of cold temperatures."

KSP reported that slippery roads were the contributing factor in 14,913 crashes and 63 fatalities in 2011.

Here are a few simple steps to help keep you on the road and less stressed.

- AVOID TRAVEL UNLESS NECESSARY WHEN WINTER WEATHER IS IN YOUR AREA.
- DECREASE SPEED.
- WEAR YOUR SEATBELT.

Driving Considerations

- Leave early – allow

more travel time; expect delays.

- Increase distance between vehicles – it takes significantly longer to stop on snow covered or icy roadways.
- Clear all windows on your vehicle prior to travel – having unobstructed vision is vital to avoid running off of the road or having a collision.
- Illuminate your vehicles headlamps.
- Use caution on bridges and overpasses as they susceptible to freezing before roadways.
- Avoid using cruise control – cruise can cause the vehicle's wheels to continue turning on a slippery surface when speed needs to be decreased.

Be Prepared

- Ensure your vehicle has a full tank of gas in the event you are stranded for an extended period of time.
- Charge your cellular phone prior to departure.
- Take a blanket.
- Notify a family member or a friend of your travel plans prior to departure – if you travel is interrupted, someone will know.

Collision Information

- Be patient – weather also limits our capabilities and increases our response time; also, keep in mind that we will be experiencing a high volume of requests for service.
- Attempt to move your vehicle out of the roadway if you are involved in a minor, non-injury traffic collision; especially if you are in a dangerous area such as a curve or a blind hill.

- If your vehicle is stranded or wrecked but not in the roadway, attempts to recover your vehicle will have to wait until conditions improve for safety considerations.

To view KSP's Winter Driving Tip Sheet, click here [http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/pdf/2012\\_Winter\\_Driving\\_Tips.pdf](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/pdf/2012_Winter_Driving_Tips.pdf)

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.



Let's get this party started . . .

The Stanton Elementary "Buzz Crew" performed during halftime of the Powell-Leslie girls basketball game last Friday evening. But with any good dance party you have to have the DJ's. So here they are kicking off the performance.

Times Photo by James Cook

County receives over \$16,000 for illegal dump cleanup

Governor Steve Beshear today announced that approximately \$2.1 million in grant funding has been awarded by the Kentucky Pride Fund for cleanup of 172 illegal dumps in 26 counties across the Commonwealth.

"Illegal dumping is a major problem that raises significant concerns with regard to safety, property values and quality of life in our communities," Gov. Beshear said. "Cleaning up dump sites also is an economic burden on our local governments. These grants offer local communities funding relief to their tight budgets."

Powell County was one of 26 counties to receive grant money. Powell received \$16,624.18 for the Barker Branch area.

As part of the grant funding, counties must agree to provide a 25 percent match when it costs less than \$50,000 to cleanup an individual, illegal open dump. The Energy and Environment Cabinet may waive the 25 percent match on any individual illegal open dump costing more than \$50,000 to remediate.

The Division of Waste Management administers the Kentucky Pride Fund to clean up county dump sites. Funding

for the program comes from a \$1.75 environmental remediation fee for each ton of garbage disposed of at Kentucky municipal solid waste disposal facilities. This "tipping fee," authorized by the 2002 General Assembly under House Bill 174, is collected quarterly and placed in the Kentucky Pride Fund.

The Kentucky Pride Fund is the first legislated and ongoing source of state funding for dump cleanup. Previously, illegal open dump cleanup in Kentucky was primarily funded by county and federal money. In 2006, Senate Bill 50 changed the reimbursement program to a grant program. The legislation also expanded the scope of the fund to address household hazardous waste collection and recycling infrastructure, in addition to illegal dump and old landfill projects.

"Kentucky continues to make significant progress in cleaning up illegal dumps. Along with the grant program, statewide cleanup events and educational campaigns by local, state and federal agencies have been beneficial," said Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters.



FFA News

Local, State & National Presented by the Powell County Chapter at PCHS

FORMER POWELL FFA OFFICERS

The Powell County FFA chapter was signed and approved on March 16, 1936, by state president Gentry Lee. The officers recovered a lost document while cleaning out an office in the school.

We are proud to recognize all past officer teams that have served our chapter. We have created a wall of recognition in our classroom, completely dedicated to recognizing all teams that have once been part of our chapter.

If you were, or know anyone that was, part of an officer team in Powell County, please bring us a picture of your team and a list of their names. We would be honored to place you on our wall of traditions.

Thank you. Call Powell County High School 606-663-3320

PLEASE RETURN FFA JACKETS

Our FFA chapter is in desperate need of our past belongings. If you have any of our movies, jackets, handouts or anything used for judging, please return it to the high school. We would appreciate the help very much, thank you.

FFA Reporter, Holly Reed

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MIKE REED  
County Ag.  
Agent

A Pound at a Time

The Big Hunk club officially got started two weeks ago now. Stepping on those scales last Thursday was a bit frightening, but I was able to lose 3.2 pounds in the past week and get my BMI down by a point. Hey I'll take that! Only 16.8 more pounds to go! Two of my so-called buddies beat me all to pieces last week, with one losing 7.4 pounds and the other losing 4.2 pounds in a week's time! We are still counting our calories and trying to eat more green vegetables. My problem comes after 7 p.m. when I want to snack on something, especially on something sweet. Next Thursday's class begins at 4:30 p.m. and we will weigh in again, then discuss and show the calorie content of many of our local fast foods. The "Big Hunk" club is open to all Powell County men who have a desire to lose a little of this Christmas weight we have gained this winter. We still have room-the more the merrier, and it is entirely free!

FREE Soil Samples-While supplies last

The Powell County Soil Conservation Service recently received a grant which will cover the cost of soil samples for local farmers. This program will be for any farmer with an active farm serial number and will cover five samples per year. This program will last until the grant money runs out.

Bring your soil samples to the Powell County Extension Office along with your farm number this spring. This program will not cover samples from individuals who do not have a farm serial number.

Livestock Producers Association to meet

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Powell County Livestock Producers Association will be on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Powell County Extension Office. Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Mr. Tony Edwards from the National Weather Service in Jackson, Kentucky. Mr. Edwards will present a

program on last year's storms, drought and other Kentucky weather news makers as well as give us a forecast or prediction for the rest of this winter's weather.

Meal cost for the meeting will be \$3 per person and dues are also due for the 2013 calendar year. Dues are \$10 per family or \$5 per individual. All local residents are welcomed to this meeting and encouraged to participate in the Livestock Association, here in Powell County.

Hey Kids!  
Write an Essay!!

The Powell County Beekeeper's Association will have its first annual Beekeeping Essay contest this spring for local youth. Any youth in the Powell County High School is eligible. Students must write an essay on the topic of: "The importance of Beekeeping in my Community". All essays must be between 300 and 500 words and the deadline for submission is April 1.

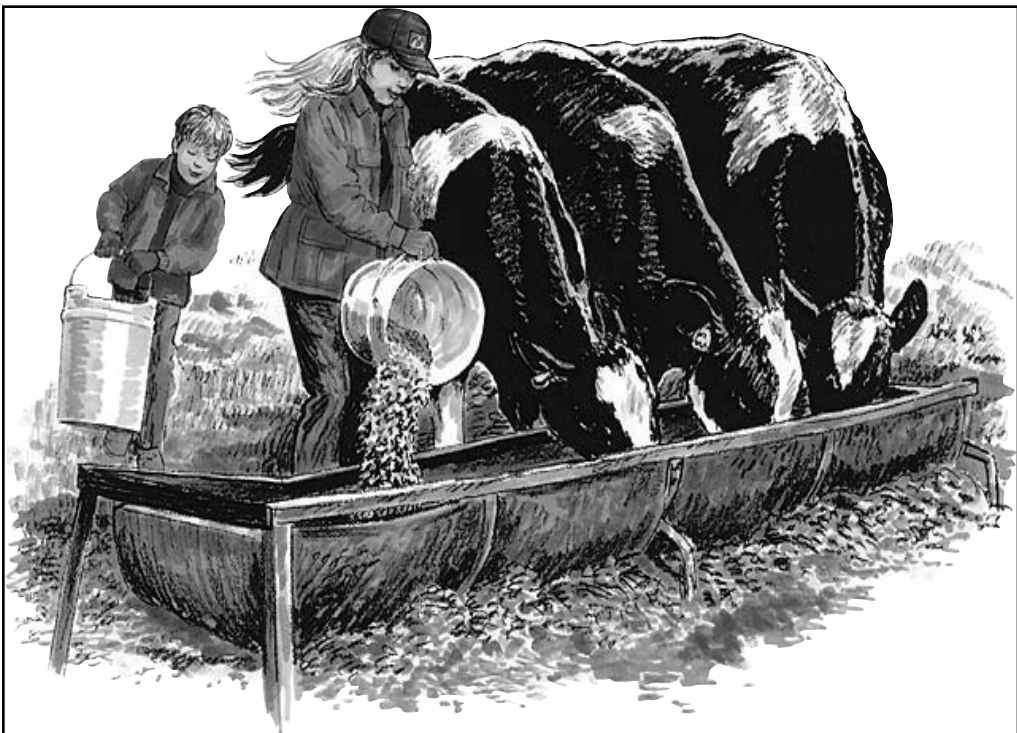
The winner of this essay contest will be recognized during their April or May meeting and will receive a free bee hive and a swarm of live bees to get started at their own home or farm with a beekeeping enterprise. (This is an approximate value of \$125). For more information contact the Powell County Extension Office.

Keep Your Cows  
warm this Winter

As most farmers know, cold weather complicates things for farmers and livestock as well. While this has certainly not been a typical January, we know we live in Kentucky and our weather can take a turn for the worse, just any day. One concern we should have at this time of year is for our cattle to have water in liquid form, not only from the standpoint of having something to drink, but for the safety of our cattle as well. Cattle will need anywhere from 5 to 11 gallons of water per day in liquid form.

When winter weather bears down on us for long periods of time, ponds freeze and cattle see the pond as just more frozen ground. There have been several cases of farmers over the years whom have lost several cattle as a result of drowning in a farm pond.

During times of extreme cold when cattle have access to farm ponds, producers must break the ice for cattle to keep them off



the frozen pond. If there are other options for water such as tanks with heaters, ponds should be temporarily fenced off to keep cattle from walking out on these frozen hazards.

Mud is already a big concern for many beef producers. Although it is too late to think about it for this season, consider how you are feeding and where you are feeding and keep this in mind for next year. Using filter fabrics and gravel in these areas is a simple process that is not too expensive and many state programs, including the tobacco settlement funds, have cost-share dollars for mud control on farms.

Cattle which have had calves this fall need your extra attention this month. Baby calves which were born in the past two months need some shelter during the cold and some creep feed to keep them warm and growing. Fall calving cows should be ready to breed back soon so they will need some of your better hay and 2-4 pounds of a 12% grain mixture per cow per day to insure they be bred back and produce another healthy calf next fall.

Cows that will be calving in March and April also need your tender loving care this winter. Round baled hay is the primary feed for these cows now. If your round baled hay is of good quality and was kept under some type of shelter, then this is probably all they will need to produce a healthy calf this spring. If your hay is not what you want it to be, then the expectant cows in your herd need a little extra when the winter winds are howling out-

side. Cows fed poor quality hay may be getting full, but may be gradually starving to death. Many cattle now are not having their energy and protein needs met now because this hay is simply not very good stuff. Dried out fescue, broom sage and an occasional sawbrier do not make for good cow nutrition. These cows, at best will produce a small, weakly calf this spring, if they don't starve to death before the grass greens up. You might notice that the animals in your herd rarely leave the round bale this time of year. You may wonder-How can these cows eat so much?? Each mature animal will need 25-30 pounds of hay per day, so you can quickly do the math.

Cows being fed poor quality hay need additional supplements of grain or feed block to meet their energy and protein

needs. Block feeding is by far the quickest method for producers, but are all the cattle in the herd taking advantage of these blocks? With blocks, it is so easy for the old bossy cows in the herd to over indulge and the timid ones receive little or any additional feed. Grain feeding is usually cheaper in the long run and it allows all animals in the herd to obtain the feed they need. Cattle being fed average to poor quality hay will need about 2-4 pounds of a 12% grain mix or 2 pounds of shelled corn and 3/4 pound of 44% soybean meal per cow per day. Again this depends on the type of hay you have, when it was cut and how it was stored. Increase feed as the temperature drops, especially when temperatures are cold and damp. Provide shelter or wind breaks for cattle when temperatures

fall below 15 degrees.

Watch for rubbing of cattle on fence posts, gates, barn doors and anything else they can get near. Lice usually become a problem with cattle about the end of the month and can basically drain your cattle of all their energy and food reserves. Once one cow or calf has them, the entire herd will be infested, so treatments using pour-on insecticides for every animal in the herd will be necessary.

Finally, all cows in the herd should have free access to a good free choice mineral. Salt is also important, but cattle must have additional minerals that salt does not contain. A free choice mineral mix should contain selenium which is important to get cows ready for the breeding season this summer. Beef producers must also be aware of the upcoming need for magnesium which prevents grass tetany in cows which will calve in late winter. While not a problem until spring, feeding magnesium now will avoid this problem when the grass greens up.

Another good idea is for your mineral mix to contain either Rumensin or Bovatec which will help increase gains on calves. Keep in mind that Rumensin must not be made available to horses.

Remember your cows and calves this winter when the days are long and cold and icy. For more information, contact the Powell County Extension Office at 663-6405.

Maple Street Automotive has been providing quality car care in Stanton, KY for several years. It is under new ownership and is owned by 12 year automotive tech, delivering honest and professional automotive repair and auto maintenance services to the people of Powell Co. and surrounding areas. The quality ASE (automotive service excellence) certified technicians at Maple

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The phone number will remain the same 663-0500 and we know without a doubt the service will be as good or better with the new owner.

Brian has successfully operated Central Kentucky Screen Printing for several years and has vast knowledge in business.

Thanks to all our customers, friends and loafers over the past years.

We will continue to operate Brewer Real Estate, Auction and Appraisal Company at its present location.

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Thanks,  
John & Gail Brewer



# Church Directory

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**Stanton Assembly of God,** Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor David Dauwe, cell 502-5514-1786, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

**BAPTIST**  
**Baptist Worship Center of Mt. Sterling,** 100 Howard Ave. (behind courthouse), Mt. Sterling; worship, 10:45 a.m. Pastor, Travis Drake. A people church where everyone is someone special. Nursery provided. Information: George Drake 859-498-3933.

**Clay City Baptist,** 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

**Emmanuel Baptist,** 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300. Pastor Greg Webb; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

**Faith Freewill Baptist Church,** 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

**Friendship Baptist Church,** 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.

**Mill Knob Baptist Church,** 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

**Morris Creek Missionary Baptist,** Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Kevin Chaney. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am, Sunday night, 6 pm

**Powell's Valley Baptist,** 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

**Rehoboth Baptist Mission,** 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Stanton Baptist,** 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**West Bend Baptist,** 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

**Calvary Baptist Church,** Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

**CATHOLIC**  
**Our Lady Of The Mountains Church,** 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

**CHRISTIAN**  
**Stanton Christian, 100 West Church Street, Stanton,** 663-2458; Pastor, Barry Wethington, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Unplugged, Praise and Worship with Tom Graham and the SCC Worship Band at 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Bowen Church of Christ,** Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.

**Cat Creek Church of Christ,** Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Clay City Church of Christ,** 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Stanton Church of Christ,** 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
**Bowen First Church of God,** 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Clay City First Church of God,** 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Garland Lacy, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God,** Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

**Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy,** 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Goff Corner Independent First Church of God,** Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 pm. Pastor, Gary Mathis

**Harg First Church of God,** Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

**Hatcher's Creek Church of God,** Dale Sparks, Min., Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

**Knowlton Church of God,** Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.; Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**Living Water Church,** 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**More Than Enough Ministries Church of God,** 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,

**Morris Creek First Church of God,** 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tip-ton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Mountain Parkway Church of God,** 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**New Beginnings Church of God,** 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

**Slade Church of God,** Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.

**Stacy Road Church of God,** Irvine, James and David Riddell, Min, Sunday Service 7 pm; Wednesday and Friday Service 7 p.m.

**Stanton First Church of God,** 980 E. College Ave. P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10

am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T. Molihan minister.

**Vaughn's Mill First Church of God,** Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God,** Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**West Bend Church of God,** 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyant , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.

**West Bend First Church of God,** 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.

**Christian Fellowship Church of God,** 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road,** Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

**LUTHERAN**  
**Grace Lutheran Church,** 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873

**UNITED METHODIST**  
**Clay City United Methodist,** 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

**Hardwicks Creek United Methodist,** Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

**Shiloh United Methodist,** 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**West Bend United Methodist,** 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL**  
**Harvestime Assembly** 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony Story, 606-663-9866.

**Seven Candles Holiness Pentecostal Church,** Old Route 11, Montgomery Co., Wallace Boian, Min., Worship Service Thursday, 7 pm; Saturday, 7 pm.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**First Presbyterian,** Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**OTHER**  
**Airport Chapel,** Stanton, Scoby Faulkner, Min.

**Blessed Assurance Church,** 44 N. Main St., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11

a.m.; Sunday night 8 p.m.; Wednesday 4 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,** 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770

**Three Cross Mission Church,** Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm. Clay City, KY

**Highway of Holiness,** Black Creek Rd., Clay City, Pastor Wendell Hurt, Every Sat. night at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Full Gospel Church,** 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse,** Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm

**Full Gospel Evangelistic Ministry Church** 1972 Winchester Road, Irvine; 859-351-9854; Pastor Larry Collins, Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**House of Prayer For All People,** Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.

**Living Water Church,** 780 North Fork Rd., Stanton, pastor Donald W. Hale; Phone 606-768-6007; Sunday Service at 4 p.m. Need information about a ride on church bus call 663-9158..

**Nada Baptist Mission,** Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 3:15 Sunday School; 4 p.m. worship.

**Never Ending Grace Community Church,** 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Pine Grove C.M.E. Church,** 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.

**Spirit of Life in Christ Church** 587 Brush Creek, Clay City, Pastor Ken Fugate, alternate J.D. McClure, 663-4220 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Thursday evening 7 p.m.

**Outreach Church,** Rice Station, Sunday worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Pastor, Terry Hymer.

**Vaughns Mill Community Church,** hosting God's Fresh Start Church 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.

**Wings of Love Church,** 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.

**Carmargo Unity Freewill Baptist,** 4122 Carmargo Road, Mt. Sterling, Martin McIntosh, pastor, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m

**Wildwood Chapel,** 1599 Halls Hill Road, Stanton. Pastor: George Sparks, 606 -663-9950. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Services 11 a.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m.

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## ENCOURAGING WORD: A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE NATION



Howard Coop  
 Guest Columnist

When we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, we should, in

all sincerity, pledge allegiance to "one nation under God," and when the person elected to the high office of President of the United States takes the Oath of Office, he ends that historic oath with: "So help me God." The ending of that significant oath should be more, much more, than merely repeating words; it should be a sincere and heart-felt prayer for guidance to God under

whom this nation exists and has prospered since its founding.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, the day before the presidential inauguration, should be a special day for every American citizen who loves this land. That day has been designated as a special "Day of Prayer for the Nation."

Concerned citizens of this land who care about their beloved country are asked to unite in

this special observance and pray sincerely in their own way asking for divine guidance for our nation and its leaders at this crucial point in human history.

Some think, and they have good reason for doing so, that our beloved country in which there is, and has been, freedom and independence is drifting in the wrong direction. By many, God has been excluded from

the public sector. As a result, the United States is becoming a secular nation in which moral standard are less and less important. Too, it has been suggested that the USA (United States of America) is moving in the direction of becoming the USSA (United Socialist States of America) for the political ideology of some leaders appears to be rooted in Marxism which is the foundational basis of communism.

For centuries, we have lived with the confident assurance that "effective fervent prayer" is "powerful and effective." Therefore, when citizens of any nation "humble themselves and pray," something significant that is healing and restorative happens in the land. When citizens of a nation are united in sincere prayer for the land they cherish, better things will be ahead.



## ‘Don’t be a knee jerk’



By SARAH BLOOM  
Times Lifestyle

In November of 2011 my son Luke was playing on a rope swing when he accidentally fell and broke both of his arms. His left arm required surgery and he wore a cast on each arm until after the first of the New Year.

When his accident happened it naturally scared all of us. In the span of about five minutes we went from having an uneventful afternoon to rushing Luke to the hospital and then right into surgery.

In all of our anxiety and fear of what had happened we could have rushed right out to that tree and quickly cut that rope swing into pieces. Problem solved right? After all, wasn't it the swing's fault Luke fell?

Better yet I could have started a petition to have all rope swings banned because they are proven to hurt children. Even adults can be harmed when these tricky play things decide to turn bad.

With enough trash stirred up I could probably push it all the way to Congress, or better yet push for the president to

enact an executive order to have it done. With this accomplished no person would ever have to suffer from the possible consequences of rope swing attack.

Do you see how a knee jerk reaction can quickly spiral into chaos? This is no way for any person to view life and most definitely no way for our leaders to run this country.

But, as is in a lot of aspects of life, everyone has an agenda. Not to sound cynical, but it's the truth. If it were not so then certain hot topics would never be broadcast on national television before a country has even had the time to take in the event.

Reporting on an event at its time is keeping people informed of the news. Repetitive airing of the horrors of death and sensationalizing the crime only breeds copy cats and the next monster who longs for their fifteen minutes of infamy.

Humans are orchestrators of their own demise. We are so torn and divided when it comes to certain issues that inevitably no compromise will be found. You cannot completely alienate one group just so another remains happy.

You cannot punish the majority for the acts of a few. There is nothing fair to be found in that situation. How do you even justify taking a person's

rights to satisfy your own agenda?

The events that have transpired in this country in the past two months have been nothing short of horrendous.

Please do not misinterpret the point I am trying to make for insensitivity or that I am trying to trivialize the loss of life by comparing it to a rope swing that is not my objective.

But we need to look farther into why these tragedies happen and stop blaming inanimate objects.

According to population statistics the number of people living in the United States at the end of 2012 was 314,686,189. Also according to ownership estimates 190-300 million of those people are gun owners.

Finally straight from fact, not an estimate, one person...one...perpetrated the crime at that elementary school in Connecticut.

One sick, twisted kid chose to break in and selfishly take those lives.

How many more copy cats did the television news media breed by constantly airing the photos and aerial shots of that school? How many attention hungry psychos did they fuel to one up this tragedy?

America needs a refresher course on the value of human life. We need to be focusing more efforts toward treating

and monitoring mental illness and what our children watch on television.

Blaming inanimate objects for any sort of tragedy is ridiculous.

The guns used in that shooting did not walk themselves to that school. They were bought legally and no one knows exactly how that boy came to obtain them other than they belonged to his mother.

No one knows how hard she may have tried to prevent this tragedy in other ways.

But the cold truth is that he targeted little children. He could have walked into that school with a knife and accomplished the same amount of damage. But that is another point; he did not walk into that school. He wasn't buzzed through the front door. No, he broke his way in.

Taking away the rights of the innocent is no way to honor the dead. Taking away the rights of law abiding, tax paying, hardworking people does not solve a problem or deter the next tragedy. No, it only enables the criminals, the sick, twisted pieces of flesh who are determined to cause pain.

This country is a total contradiction to itself.

We are a nation that was founded on a love and respect for God Almighty, yet now He is not welcome past the front doors of our schools.

We are a country that walks upon land stained by the blood of our ancestors, shed in the desperate fight for religious

freedoms and independence yet we are so willing to simply give away those rights. Once you agree to allow the government to squeeze in the cracks and begin to slowly take away your freedoms you have willingly opened Pandora's Box.

The founding fathers made it a point to say that government should play a small role in our lives; after all, do they not "WORK" for us?

Before you get angry with me for my opinion, do me one favor. Before you send me a strongly worded letter defying what I have said, please do one thing. Go find yourselves a history book. Look up the Trail of Tears, Wounded Knee, the reign of Hitler, and the Holocaust. Read in detail what happens when government takes control, when tyranny prevails, and when the disguise of "for the greater good" is sadly misused.

If you still feel like it is ok for us to slowly lose our rights, slowly lose our independence then by all means send me your letter.

It is time to be proactive, not reactive. Knee jerk responses rarely end well, just as speaking when you are angry is never a good idea.

When I was a little girl my daddy had a gun cabinet. I walked by it on a daily basis and I knew that if I ever touched the contents my behind would be busted.

Not once did I ever witness those guns jump out of that cabinet and start

shooting up the house. Inanimate objects remain that way until someone puts them into motion.

While I was in school no shootings occurred, but chapel service did. When I was a kid curse words were taboo for television and blood and gore practically nonexistent. Now I must monitor even the most innocent looking of shows for my youngest boys.

Right and wrong was decided with a swift spanking and school yard fights were settled with fist, not continued on over Twitter, Facebook, cell phones, etc.

So 'where' I ask is this problem stemming from? Where are these tragedies born?

(I pray you are having a good week. Forgive me for my bluntness, but these are some issues I felt needed to be said. Even if I made any of you angry, if I at least got you to think on these things a little harder or in a different light, then I did my job.)

*"And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled". But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:14-17*



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We are beginning to hear a lot about "phantom" energy. What is it? "Phantom" energy is the energy that appliances and electronics are using even though we think we have them turned off.

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Use a power strip as a center "turn off" point when you are done using equipment.

Even when turned off, electronic and IT equipment often uses a small amount of electricity. For home office equipment,

this standby or "phantom energy" use can range for a few watts to as much as 20 or even 40 watts for each piece of equipment. Using a power strip for your computer and other equipment allows you to completely disconnect the power supply from the power source, eliminating standby power consumption.

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Make sure all air registers/vents are clear of furniture so that air can circulate freely.

During cold weather take advantage of the sun's warmth by keeping drapes open during daylight hours. To keep out the heat of the summer sun, close window shades and drapes in warm weather.

Save water by scraping

dishes instead of rinsing them before loading tin the dishwasher. Run your dishwasher with a full load and use the air dry option if available.

Wash your laundry with cold water whenever possible. To save water, try to wash full loads or, if you must wash a partial load, reduce the level of water appropriately.

Hot water heating accounts for about 90 percent of the energy your machine uses to wash clothes – only 10 percent goes to electricity used by the washer motor. Switching to cold water can save the average household more than \$40 annually (with electric water heater) and more than \$30 annually (with gas water heater).

Do not over-dry your clothes. If your dryer has a moisture sensor that will automatically turn the machine off when clothes are dry, use it to avoid over-drying. Remember to clean the lint trap before every load. Dry full loads, or reduce drying time for partial loads.

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## Beware of the 'energy phantoms'

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m. Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

### The Powell County Library

Story Time at the Powell County Public Library is every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 years. We will read stories, do crafts and sometimes a movie. Powell County Public Library Board Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the library.

### Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veterans Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m. For information call Joe Neal 663-5895.

### Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the Powell County Extension Office. . For more information call 606-481-9740

### Clay City Site Base

The Clay City Elementary SBDM new council has set its regular meeting time as the second Friday of the month at 4:15 in the school library.

### PCMS Site Base

The Powell County Middle School Site Base Council will have regular meetings on the third Wednesday day of every month at 4 p.m. in the Art Room.

### Veterans Benefits

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Powell County Courthouse, Stanton on the first Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Veterans and their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of any charge or fee by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. Call and leave a message at 1-866-376-0308, leave a message, your call will be returned. Bring all documents pertaining to filing a claim.

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### Friends of PC Pets Meetings

Friends of Powell County's Pets hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Powell County Public Library. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer or foster, please stop by.

### Brianna's Sanctuary Meetings

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Powell's Stephanie Knox (left) and Triston Curtis battle a Leslie County player for a rebound in last week's thrilling overtime win. Powell is ranked third in the region.

## Powell beats two region foes

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The Powell County Lady Pirates have not had a real easy time sailing the seas of the 14th Region lately. But they will take the wins they have earned and sail on. Powell took to the road early last week and beat a team they had not beaten since 1982 and then came from behind and held off another regional foe in overtime to pick up two key wins.

Last Monday Powell went to Jackson to face the Breathitt County Lady Bobcats. In a year where Breathitt is not as strong as in year's past, Powell took full advantage. The Lady Pirates jumped out to a 19-4 lead with some aggressive play in the first quarter. Despite playing even in the second quarter, the Lady Pirates held a 34-19 halftime lead.

Powell opened up their lead in the send half. The Lady Pirates held Breathitt to just seven points in the third frame as junior Stephanie Knox nailed a trio of three point shots. Powell coasted to a 74-47 victory.

"It's the first win over Breathitt I can find since 1982," Powell Head Coach Ken Jones said. Jones indicated that he found a score from Nov. 29, 1982 that had Powell beating the Lady Bobcats, 53-47.

Powell was led by Keeley Rogers with 31 points. Freshman Destiny Peck scored 13 points and picked up 14 rebounds in the win. Triston Curtis added 12 dropped in 12 points and Knox added 11.

Then the Lady Pirates docked in Stanton last Friday night to host the Leslie County Lady Eagles. Powell struggled early in this game as Leslie came ready to play. The visitors held a 34-28 halftime lead. Despite playing closer in the third quarter, Powell trailed 53-45 entering the final frame of regulation.

The Lady Pirates caught fire and rattled off 19 unanswered points to take a 64-53 lead. Key long range baskets by Nikki Wells and inside play by Rogers and Peck led the charge. The crowd, a little larger than most girls home games this year, got into the game as the noise levels increased.

Then the Lady Eagles decided they could do the same. Leslie went on a 13-0 run to and recaptured the lead at 66-64. Peck hit a layup with: 07.1 to play to tie the game, sending it into overtime.

Both teams lost key players to fouls in the overtime period and the free throw line and fast breaks became their best weapons. Powell outlast-

ed Leslie to win a thriller, 80-78.

"Thanks to all who came out to see the Leslie game," Jones said after the game. "The crowd support was tremendous, and gave us a boost when we needed it. It created a tournament-like atmosphere."

Powell was led by Rogers with 38 points, 14 boards and six steals, as Powell's defense made a difference in the fourth quarter.

Peck poured in 14 and Wells tossed in 12 in the win. Seven Lady Pirates scored for the home team.

"Two big wins for us over quality teams. The girls are playing extremely hard and playing together; when you do that, good things happen," Jones said about his team's performance last week. "I'm very proud of what they've done through the midpoint of the season. We just hope to keep it up through the tournaments."

Powell, who is now ranked third in the region according to the Cantrell Rankings and the winners of three fames in a row and six of their last eight, improved to 11-7.

After a trip to Perry Central to take on the regions top ranked Lady Commodores on Monday, the lady Pirate will travel to Estill County tonight (Thursday).

## Pirates win two in a row

By GREG MCINTOSH  
Times Sportswriter

The see-saw season for the Powell County Pirates continued last week. The Pirates have been a team of winning streaks and losing streaks all season. Powell came into the week having lost three straight games.

The Pirates faced Buckhorn, last Tuesday at home attempting to end their losing skid. Powell jumped out to a quick 6 - 0 lead to start the game. The Wildcats tied the game with three baskets. The Pirates turned up the defense and began to take the ball to Buckhorn. Powell scored 10 points in a row to lead, 16 - 6. The teams traded baskets to end the quarter. Powell led 20 - 10 after the first quarter.

The Pirates kept up the pressure and continued to score inside the Buckhorn defense. Powell extended their lead to 40 - 20 on two baskets by Brett Goodwin. Buckhorn stopped Powell and added a three point basket. Buckhorn scored the final six points of the first half to cut the Powell lead to 40 - 26 at halftime.

Buckhorn continued to chip into the Powell lead in the third quarter. The Wildcats cut the lead to 52 - 41. Caleb McCoy hit a jumper for the Pirates and John David Hubbard sank a three pointer to get the Powell lead back to 13 points. Buckhorn made two straight three pointers to end the third quarter and the Pirates led 57 - 47 with one quarter to play.

Powell played the fourth quarter not to lose and Buckhorn played to win. The Wildcats kept the momentum and cut the Powell lead to 70 - 64 with three minutes to play. Trey Marcum and Goodwin made their free throws down the stretch for the Pirates. Aaron Townsend got a big basket on a lay up for Powell to salt away the game for the Pirates. Powell defeated Buckhorn, 73 - 69.

Brett Goodwin and John David Hubbard both had 19 points for the Pirates.



Times Photo by James Cook  
Powell senior Clayton Cooksey takes a shot as Menifee defenders converge on him. Powell has hit another streak and won two straight games, beating Buckhorn and Menifee last week.

Trey Marcum added 12 points and Caleb McCoy had 10 points for the victorious Pirates.

Last Thursday, Powell faced off against another team of Wildcats. This time it was the Menifee County Wildcats at home.

Powell trailed early in the game. Aaron Townsend and John David Hubbard each scored six points in the first quarter and Powell rallied back to lead, 16 - 12 at the end of the first quarter. The Pirates played sloppy in the second quarter and were unable to make shots. Menifee kept the game close and trailed to Powell 27 - 23 at halftime.

Coach Brian Hall must have lit a fire under the Pirates at halftime. Powell came out with much more intensity in the third quarter. Trey Marcum was on fire with 16 points in the quarter and Caleb McCoy added five to help Powell take a big lead. Powell out scored Menifee 25 - 11 in the third quarter. The

Pirates led 52 - 34 with one quarter remaining.

The two teams played just about evenly in the fourth quarter and Powell got the victory, 66 - 47 over Menifee.

Trey Marcum led the Pirates in scoring with 20 points. Aaron Townsend had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Pirates. Brett Goodwin added 12 points for Powell. John David Hubbard scored eight points and Caleb McCoy had seven points.

Powell's record now stands at 7 - 10 for the season and 0 - 4 in district play. Powell was scheduled to play at Magoffin County this past Tuesday.

The Pirates will be home this Friday to face Estill County and Saturday to play Cordia. Friday night will be the announcement of the inaugural class into the Powell County Basketball Hall of Fame. Saturday night will be the 10 year reunion for the 2003 14th Region Championship team for the Pirates.

## COUNTY: Cruiser issue still a hot topic; injury prevention a priority



Times Photo by James Cook  
KSP Capt. Eric Walker spoke with the fiscal court about the drug task force program. The county took action on Stanton's request for financial assistance.

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ambulance director Eddie Barnes. Barnes is a part-time deputy for the county.

At question is a car that Barnes purchased but signed over to the county to be used by him. Barnes has said that he pays for all maintenance and purchases the gas when he is not working for the county. He also has said that there was a verbal agreement between him and former county judge executive, the late Jim Potts that would allow him to drive the car to his

other job in Winchester. Barnes is a paramedic with the Winchester Fire Department.

Last month Anderson, after a closed session, asked Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers about the car leaving the county. Rogers said he would take of the situation. Barnes advised the Times that he and Rogers may try to get the car signed back over to the sheriff's department.

"It's still going on. Mr. Rogers had asked if we could transfer the car to his department, but KACo

(Kentucky Association of Counties) said we can't insure the car without our name being on the title," Anderson told the magistrates. He then produced photos taken of the cruiser, showing the license plate. "This was taken today in Winchester," Anderson explained, "So it's still going on even though we were told it would be taken care of."

"Someone needs to ask why," Arnett stated. "That was a month ago."

Anderson also stated that he was looking out for the county and the fact

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that it is a car insured by the county and is leaving the county, not on county business.

"You have to take someone at their word until proven otherwise. It has not been taken care of and I'm in favor of bringing it in, if that's appropriate," Anderson said.

There was no response from the magistrates.

"If it's out of the county maybe we should retrieve it," Anderson continued. "We were told last year it would quit. 'It's still going on.' No vote was taken as to what to do about the situation.

Sheriff Rogers spoke to the Times on Wednesday. "I feel kind of blindsided. I asked him about transferring it over and he never got back to me about what KACo said. Sure I could have gone to his office so maybe I have a little blame there. But he's (Anderson) 100 foot down the hall from me and he has the title, not me," Rogers said about the situation. "I went up

to Eddie's today and took the plate off the car. He (Anderson) now has the plate and the title. It's up to him."

In other fiscal court action:

- The court voted 6-0 to approve a resolution showing their support for the Sand Lick area to be kept open for off highway vehicles use. The court had several members of a group that utilizes the area for such activity and say it brings tourists dollars into the county visit at last month's meeting. The forest service plans to close the area and reportedly turn it into a wetland;
- The court will look into possibly working out an agreement for ambulance service employees to become members of Integrity Fitness to help with Injury Prevention Program. If the worker's compensation insurance can be worked out to assist with helping in paying fees, the county may look into not only

the ambulance service but all full-time county employees taking part in the program;

- The court entered into a lease with Hinkle to place a tower and antennae on their property. It would be the county's third tower. CSEPP gave the county the tower and \$200,000 for the project. The lease will be come a resolution. The move was approved by a 6-0 vote.

- The court thanked Friends of Powell County Pets and Rogers Rescue from New Hampshire, for a \$1,000 donation to assist with auto feeders, supplies and wormer medications for the county's animal shelter. They also thanked Mike Alexander for donating a satellite dish to hook up to a television in the county judge's office. The set up will be utilized so that the office can keep up with news and weather situations, Anderson explained. "I will be paying for the monthly bill out of my pocket," he added.